

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE MEETING

July 7, 2008 – 3:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Chairman Hunter; Supervisors Jenkins, Raymond, Rowland, Sausville, Southworth; Thompson; Spencer Hellwig, Mgmt. Analyst; Joe Ritchey, Rick Gardner, Tom Speziale, DPW; Paul Lent, Emergency Services; David & Katrina Pacheco, Pacheco Ross Architects; Ken Helm, Mike McCarron, Saratoga Soaring Assoc.; Press

Chairman Hunter called the meeting to order.

Mr. Jenkins moved to approve the minutes of the May 12th meeting. Mr. Rowland seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Ritchey requested a **resolution authorizing Chairman to enter into contract with Edwards and Kelcey for Airport engineering services related to replacing Rotating Beacon and design of off site obstruction removal in the amount of \$60,300.00 (95% FAA grant - \$57,285; 2 ½ % State - \$1,507.50; 2 ½ % County - \$1,507.50).** Mr. Sausville moved to **approve this resolution.** Ms. Raymond seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Sausville asked if there were any issues with the neighbors regarding the off site obstruction removal. Mr. Ritchey said some property owners did not want to give us avigation easements. The trees will not be removed from those properties that did not want it done, he said.

Mr. Ritchey requested a **resolution declaring excess property of a section of Old Barge Canal.** He said this is a piece of property in Halfmoon that was abandoned to the County in 1946 that is part of the Old Barge Canal system and is ¾ acre. He said the adjacent neighbor is interested in the property. He said once it is declared, it will go to auction. **Ms. Raymond moved to approve this resolution.** Ms. Southworth seconded. Unanimous.

Ms. Raymond said somewhere, DPW must have a list of all County property, and there must be properties like this that we do not need any more. She said we should get this list to make a determination on these properties to be rid of them. Mr. Ritchey said they will do their best to find this out, and he knows of the forestry properties. Ms. Raymond said she is

not talking about the forestry properties. She said she would like to revisit the park land in Edinburg and Day which she believes is a huge liability and the parcel in Clifton Park that we pay taxes on. She said she would think the Real Property Department could give a list quickly. Mr. Ritchey said they would look into that.

A presentation on the proposed Public Safety Building was given by Pacheco Ross Architects. Mrs. Pacheco said she has been in touch with the Sheriff on and off along with Chairman Hunter and Ms. Southworth. She stated the Sheriff had useful suggestions for particular things, and there was also input from his staff. She pointed out one major change was the Dispatch Room was flipped from where it used to be. They prefer to have an outside wall with some windows, and there were a few suggestions of where the rest room would go, and some corridor was eliminated. The Sheriff and Dispatch were looking for a Supervisor's room directly off the Dispatch Center, she said. Mr. Pacheco stated no square footage had to be added for that.

Mr. Pacheco said in the past couple of weeks, they have been putting together elevations for the facility. He distributed copies of a photo of the Public Safety Facility Proposed South Elevation. He said they will develop the elevation on all four sides with split faced masonry that can be a variety of colors. Ms. Raymond said when the jail was built, the neighbors were concerned about the visual impact, so trees were planted. Mrs. Pacheco said they plan on providing berms of some solid material. Plantings and berming will certainly be helpful, she said. Ms. Raymond said the solution on County Farm Road is to create a berm and trees because she does not think people who live there want to look at a building and the jail. In looking at the building's layout, Ms. Raymond said she does not think a second cut for an entrance to the parking lot should be done on County Farm Road. She said that should be discussed with Supervisor Thompson of the Town of Milton. She pointed out the trees in front of that area are grown up and are not adequate. Mr. Pacheco said they can look at that closer.

Mrs. Pacheco said they have talked to everyone involved, but she wants to go back and talk to the Director of Public Health and Mr. Lent to get every bit of information on this plan as they can get. Mr. Sausville asked if there were any outside amenities to have lunch, etc. Mr. Pacheco said there is an area with picnic tables and a gazebo. In said in county buildings, those spaces get used quite frequently. He announced that the mechanical/

electrical/plumbing engineer working on this project died last week. It is not an impact on the schedule, but he wanted to let everyone know. This engineer felt the sewer was quite adequate, and we are in the process of obtaining a new engineer, he stated.

Chairman Hunter requested Mr. Pacheco to talk to Supervisor Thompson about the extra drive in entrance area. Mr. Pacheco said they will make sure all changes discussed are OK and for proceeding with the different elevations. Ms. Southworth requested them to verify with the Sheriff regarding the parking. Mr. Pacheco said they will send the site and floor plans to everyone involved. Mr. Sausville asked the Pachecos if they have spoken to Jason Kemper of County Planning. Mrs. Pacheco said she has not spoken to him.

Ms. Raymond said she does not like the idea of this facility facing County Farm Road but possibly facing the entrance road. Mr. Pacheco asked if there were any objections to the appearance of the building. Being none, he said he would bring to the next meeting samples of what this type of building would look like. Mrs. Pacheco said there are various colors of concrete. Mr. Pacheco said they want it aesthetically nice but not necessarily a show piece.

Mr. Lent stated FEMA and Homeland Security announced a new grant program that will authorize \$1 million for new construction of an EOC or \$500,000 for rehabilitation of an existing building. He said the grant has to be in by Monday. He stated much of this work made putting the application together a snap. He said it is a competitive grant, and we will send it in on Friday.

Mr. Thompson arrived. He was asked about the extra entrance for the proposed Public Safety facility. Mr. Pacheco said they currently have 218 parking spaces plus there is all the traffic going to the jail and the animal shelter. Mr. Thompson said he doesn't believe that extra cut for a second entrance is needed. Mr. Pacheco said the changes discussed are minor and easy to accommodate.

Mr. Ritchey reported the investigation on the Airport fuel island contamination found insignificant traces of contamination. The report was submitted to DEC and it was requested that the file be closed. The fuel tank has been removed, and the lines have been sealed, he said.

Ms. Raymond said a new lease agreement for Saratoga Soaring is in the County Attorney's hands. She mentioned the gentleman who wants to build hangars at the Airport was the gentleman who flipped his plane at the Fulton County Airport a few days ago, and he was not injured.

Ms. Southworth asked when there would be a report on the Animal Shelter. Chairman Hunter said probably next month.

Ms. Raymond asked what has happened with the Mental Health issue. Chairman Hunter said he talked to Mr. Wickerham who does not feel there is a problem because Saratoga Hospital is going to let us stay there for a while.

On a motion by Ms. Southworth, seconded by Mr. Rowland, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine M. Sodemann